one another and continuously extending along an exterior surface of said circumferential wall,

wherein a width (T) of said base part of each of said vertical ribs and a thickness (t) of said circumferential wall are constructed such that $t \leq T \leq 4t$.

Please add the following claims.

--11. A heat-insulating food container according to claim 9, wherein said vertical ribs extend along an exterior surface of said circumferential wall in a straight line entirely from a bottom of said container body to said upper end of said container body.

12. A heat-insulating food container according to claim 9, wherein said vertical ribs have a triangular cross-sectional shape.

13. A heat-insulating food container according to claim 9, wherein said vertical ribs have a trapezoidal cross-sectional shape.

14. A heat-insulating food container according to claim 9, wherein said circumferential wall is formed by three circumferential wall parts and a coupling part arranged between each adjacent pair of said wall parts.

15. A heat-insulating food container according to claim 14, wherein a portion of each of said vertical ribs along a lowermost one of said circumferential wall part is parallel to said lowermost one of said circumferential wall parts.

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16. A heat-insulating food container according to claim 14, wherein a portion of each of said vertical ribs along a lowermost one of said circumferential wall part is angled at the same angle as said lowermost one of said circumferential wall parts.

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17. A heat-insulating container comprising:

a container body having

a bottom wall,

a circumferential wall coupled to a periphery of said bottom wall and extending upwardly from said bottom wall to define an inner space and an upper end, said circumferential wall being formed by at least two circumferential wall parts, each having a different diameter, and a circumferential ledge arranged between said wall parts, said wall parts being arranged such that a diameter of said circumferential wall decreases in a direction from said upper end to said bottom wall,

straight, vertical insulating ribs arranged on an outer side of said circumferential wall and spaced from one another, and

downwardly-facing subsidiary ribs arranged on said outer side of said circumferential wall and extending a distance from said circumferential wall to thereby form a double-layered reinforcing and insulating annular portion on said outer side of said circumferential wall, each of said subsidiary ribs being arranged between adjacent ones of said vertical ribs and having opposite lateral edges coupled to the adjacent ones of said vertical ribs.

18. A heat-insulating container according to claim 17, wherein said body further includes an upper wall part having a flange formed around an upper open end of said body and an annular ledge arranged between said upper wall part and said circumferential wall and serving as an indication line for indicating a suitable limit of fluid receivable in said body.

19. A heat-insulating container according to claim 17, wherein said circumferential wall is integrally coupled to said periphery of said bottom wall.

20. A heat-insulating container according to claim 17, wherein said subsidiary ribs comprise a plurality of sets of subsidiary ribs, each set of subsidiary

ribs extending in a circumferential direction at a different height along said container body.

21. A heat-insulating container according to claim 20, wherein said plurality of subsidiary ribs are coupled to said circumferential ledge each between the adjacent ones of said vertical ribs.

22. A heat-insulating container according to claim 17, wherein said container body is injection-molded.

23. A heat-insulating container according to claim 17, wherein said wall parts are arranged such that a diameter of said circumferential wall decreases in a stepwise manner in the direction from said upper end to said bottom wall to thereby form stepped portions.

24. A heat-insulating container according to claim 17, wherein said subsidiary ribs are spaced from said circumferential wall by a predetermined clearance in said double-layered reinforcing and insulating annular portion.

25. A heat-insulating container according to claim 17, wherein said circumferential ledge is positioned at a height of up to 50% to 70% from said bottom wall to said upper end of said circumferential wall.

26. A heat-insulating container according to claim 17, wherein said vertical ribs continuously extend along said outer side of said circumferential wall.

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27. A heat-insulating container according to claim 17, wherein each of said vertical ribs extends along said outer side of said circumferential wall in a straight line from a bottom of said container body to said upper end of said container body.--

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